



STATE OF DELAWARE
Child Death, Near Death and Stillbirth Commission

FINAL MINUTES

Meeting Date and Time: September 14, 2012, 1:00 PM

Meeting Location: Appoquinimink State Service Center

In Attendance:

Commissioners:

Ms. Margaret-Rose Agostino
Ms. Aleks Casper
Ms. Patricia Ciranni
Dr. Garrett H. C. Colmorgen, Chair
Ms. Mary Ann Crosley
Ms. Tania Culley
Ms. Patricia Dailey Lewis
Ms. Marjorie Hershberger
Dr. Kathy Janvier
Chief Kevin McDerby
Ms. Mary Kate McLaughlin
Ms. MaryAnn Mieczkowski
Ms. Deborah Miller
Cpl. Adrienne Owens (proxy for Col. Coupe)
Dr. Kevin Sheahan
Dr. Phillip Shlossman

Staff:

Anne Pedrick, Executive Director
Ashlee Starratt
Angela Birney
Ms. Rosalie Morales

Others:

Susan Cycyk, DPBHS
Robert Dunleavy, DPBHS
Veronica Blackston, DOJ
Gina Schoenberg, DOJ
Dr. Roy Hoffman, Philadelphia DPH

Call to Order:

Dr. Colmorgen called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes: The minutes from March 2, 2012 were accepted without change.

NEW BUSINESS

DPBHS Suicide Cluster: Susan Ccyk, M.Ed., and Mr. Robert Dunleavy, from the Division of Prevention and Behavioral Health Services (DPBHS), presented on the recent rash of suicides in Kent/Sussex Counties (11 adolescents and young adults between the ages of 13 and 21 from Jan thru May 2012). The Center for Disease Control (CDC) came into Delaware for two weeks and fully researched the suicide cluster (the report, "*Epi-2 Report: Epi-Aid 2012-044*," hand-out was made available to anyone wishing to take a copy). In response, DPBHS mobilized their crisis teams, receiving assistance from many other state agencies, meeting with school staff and offering triage for students, and following those students that met requirements of concern. Parent meetings were held to present information that has been gained and to offer preventative education; staff and student trainings have also been put into place; students are given cards containing contact information of suicide hotlines. Trainings were held for professionals (doctors, nurses) in both Kent and New Castle Counties; however, only about three nurses showed. DPBHS is currently working with the Nurses Association to make these trainings more successful.

Ms. Dailey Lewis and Mr. Dunleavy explained that Facebook has partnered with the National Suicide Prevention Hotline to have immediate contact for anyone that posts material relating to suicidal ideations for themselves or friends. Mr. Dunleavy described a software program that was installed within Facebook that searches for key words and pops up a message with hotline information when such words are found.

Specifics of the cases will be researched at the Kent/Sussex Panel reviews and reported to the Commission.

Panel Members: This is the last meeting for Dr. Kevin Sheahan and Ms. Mary Kate McLaughlin, as they both have other commitments to attend to. Welcome Deborah Miller, LCSW whom is filling the NASW position on the Commission.

Executive Director Report

Commitment Statement: The Commitment Statement is a statement to be signed by each panel member instructing them on confidentiality, and their duties and responsibilities as

a panel member. The statement will be available for the November Commission meeting as it will be coupled with the new panel policies.

Panels: NCC Panel met on Monday, Sept 10th with only one case being deferred.

Kent/Sussex Panel will meet on Sept 26th for a regular meeting and in October for a full-day session to review the suicide cases mentioned during DPBHS's presentation. CAN panel did not meet in August due to continued subpoena issues with Lexis Nexis E-filing, records were unavailable to completely review each case. FIMR CRTs have started back up and continue to run smoothly. And finally, the Maternal Mortality Review will meet again on Oct 30th.

Grants:

CDNDSC worked on the SUID Registry grant over the summer; however, appropriate collaborations were not successful, therefore, the grant could not be submitted. The grant has been written so it will be submitted when the next opportunity arises.

A grant that we did receive was the NFIMR grant; the FIMR staff attended the National FIMR conference in Virginia in June and displayed two posters regarding the "*fetal Kicks Count program*" in Delaware. As a result, Delaware was selected (with six other states) to receive a grant to utilize the Life Course Perspective program with the FIMR CRTs.

Marj Hershberger was selected as the NICHD Safe to Sleep Champion. She will be attending a conference at the CDC in Atlanta, GA next week and bringing back the new Safe to Sleep materials for Delaware. The Safe to Sleep program is replacing the current Back to Sleep campaign in an effort to focus on all aspects of infant safe sleep.

We have also applied for a Cribs for Kids grant and are awaiting a response. Department of Public Health (DPH) has made a very generous donation to the program.

Annual Report: The annual report is in the works and a draft will be submitted to the Commission by the January 2013 meeting.

DelJis: We have been given another opportunity to apply for DelJis access. Anne will go before the board on Sept 27th. Thanks to the Attorney General's office, Senator Blevins and Mike Cochran, Esquire for their letters of support

National Conference, Washington, DC: Due to the excellent collaboration of CPAC and CDNDSC, Anne Pedrick and Tania Culley traveled to Washington, DC in mid-December to attend a national meeting focusing on the collaboration between citizen review panels, child fatality and maternal death, fetal infant mortality reviews, domestic violence reviews, and elder abuse reviews. They spoke on the collaborative initiatives between the Joint Commission and the system changes that have resulted from the joint efforts. The meeting is highlighted in the hand-out "*The Coordination and Integration of Fatality Reviews.*"

From this meeting, a year-long review is to be conducted to highlight the fatality reviews across the spectrum. Delaware was selected as one of the states to focus the review on. Ms. Pedrick and Ms. Culley returned to the national conference once again to promote

Delaware (slide hand-outs provided, “*Examining Child Fatality Reviews and Cross-System Fatality Reviews to Promote the Safety of Children and Youth at Risk*”).

One of the main focuses for us will be how to go from recommendation to follow-through. As a result of this, we would like to improve our recommendation feedback loop – instead of waiting for recommendations to be published in an annual report or a letter to the Governor, a recommendation chart will be completed and submitted to each division creating that loop to constantly move recommendations into change.

Other Business:

There was no other business to discuss during General Session.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously decided to enter Executive Session.